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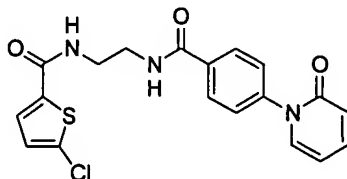
**For: LACTAM-CONTAINING DIAMINOALKYL,  $\beta$ -AMINOACIDS,  $\alpha$ -AMINOACIDS AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF AS FACTOR XA INHIBITORS**

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I and the species of Example 15 (5-Chloro-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid {2-[4-(2-oxo-2H-pyridin-1-yl)benzoylamino]ethyl}amide, page 97), for examination purposes only. The structure of Example 15 is shown below:



Claims 1-14 are readable on the elected species.